

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18, 1745.

Madrid, December 28.

HE Day before Yesterday all the Councils and Sovereign Courts went in a Body to the Palace of Buen Retiro, to kiss their Majesties Hands on the Anniversary of the King's Birth-day, who is now enter'd into the 63d Year of his Age. On the 2d of next Month the Court will go to the Pardo, and spend some Weeks there. The Two Secretaries will attend them, as will the several Boards that of the Indies only excepted. We are on the Return of the Comte de Montijo, who will be appointed President of the Presidency of the Indies, which he will be bestowed on M. de Caravaca. From Cadix, that the Squadron under the Chevalier de Piofin, will sail for the Coast as the Commodore can be careen'd; and which she has sustain'd in her Keel, can

fore Yesterday for London, in order to execute a Commission relative to the Affair of the M. Bellefleur and his Brother, which gives the Court inexpressible Concern; the rather, because it does not appear that his Prussian Majesty is inclined to take that Part in it which we expected. The Assemblies of the East India Company have chang'd their Days of Meeting to Monday and Friday; there are, at present, four Projects before them, for getting over the present Difficulty; and 'tis hoped they will make Choice of the least burthensome. It is impossible to conceive what Confusion this Affair has created, and what Numbers of Families have already been ruined, by parting with their Actions at little more than a Third of what they cost them, that they might be sure of securing somewhat. The safe Arrival of the Fuloy has reviv'd them a little; her Cargo is worth 600,000 Livres, and she very narrowly escaped being taken by an English Privateer, upon the Coast of France.

HOME PORT.

Deal, January 16. Wind E. S. E. Remain in the Downs his Majesty's Ships Princess Louisa, Harwich, and Shoreham Men of War, with the Wolf Sloop, and Granado Bomb; also the Ravanna, Beation, for Gibraltar.

LONDON.

According to private Letters from Flanders, his Excellency Veldt Marshal Count Neiper, Governor of Luxembourg, died there lately, in a manner suddenly.

The young Marquis de Lesc, who has been for some time missing, has been at last discovered in the Garb of a Grenadier; and having given remarkable Testimonies of his Valour in the several Actions last Year in Piedmont, his Catholick Majesty has been pleas'd to declare him Aid de Camp to the Infant Don Philip; as also to promise him the first Regiment that is vacant in that Service.

They write from Paris, that the King intends to open the next Campaign earlier than he did the last Year; and some private Letters insinuate, that this will be done by besieging Luxembourg.

There are private Advices from Berlin, which assure us, that General Count Schmettau is actually disgraced, has Orders to retire to his Estate in Brandenburg, whither his Countess, with some Difficulty, has obtained Leave to follow him.

The French have actually arrested in Alsace, 25 Swiss Recruits that were going to join their Regiment in the Dutch Service, which occasions much Speculation; as it looks as if the French were inclined to hasten their High Mightinesses in their Design of declaring War against them.

The latter End of last Week died at Colehill, in the County of Warwick, the Rev. Dr. Digby Coates, Rector of that Parish, Prebend of Litchfield, and Principal of Magdalen Hall, Oxford.

Last Wednesday Morning an elderly Woman, poorly dress'd, was found dead in Petticoat-lane, with Marks of Violence under her Throat.

Strict Orders are sent from the Lords of the Admiralty, to all the Ships of War in the several Ports of the Kingdom, directing them to be Victuall'd and Mann'd for Sea Service forthwith.

Their Lordships have likewise order'd all the Artificers employed in Building and Repairing the Men of War in the several Dock-Yards, to work double Tides, that the Ships may be fitted out with the greater Expedition.

The Right Hon. the House of Peers have adjourn'd to Wednesday next.

The Beginning of this Week Mr. Henry Marshall, one of the oldest Liverymen of the Stationers Company, dropt down in the Street in an Apoplectick Fit, and died immediately.

Yesterday Seven Prisoners were tried at the Old Bailey, Three of whom were cast for Transportation: One of 'em was Elias Calsaigne, for stealing a Gold Watch, and other Goods, to the Value of 140 l. and upwards, out of the Shop of Mrs. Elizabeth Taylor, in the Long Room at Bristol.

Richard Manning and John Davis were tried for Sodomitical Practices, committed at the Mermaid in Carterlane, and found Guilty. The Judgment of the Court was, That they should Stand on the Pillory at St. Paul's on Wednesday next, for the Space of One Hour, between Twelve and Two, and be Imprison'd for Three Months; Davis to find Sureties for his good Behaviour for One Year, and Manning for Three.

Two were Acquitted.

High Water this Day } Morning } Evening }
at London-Bridge. } 07 10 } 07 31 }

Bank Stock, Nothing done. India, 182 to 1-half. South Sea, 109. Old Annuity, 109. New ditto, 109 1-4th to 1-half. Three per Cent. Nothing done. Ditto 1743, 88 1-half. Ditto 1744, 89. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Royal Assurance, 89. London Assurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 10 s. to 15 s. Bank Circulation, 2 l. Salt Tailies, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Million Bank, 116. E. nivalent, 110.

Admiralty-Office, January 14, 1744.

A Court Martial being intended to be held soon at Portsmouth, for enquiring into the Cause of the Loss of his Majesty's late Ship No. chumberland; the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty do strictly direct the Officers and Men, late belonging to that Ship, to repair down immediately to Portsmouth, and apply to Vice-Admiral Stewart, who will order them to be Victuall'd on board some of his Majesty's Ships, till the Trial comes on.

Thomas Corbett.

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Whereas the Petty Officers and Seamen who belonged to his Majesty's late Ship the Colchester, were directed by Advertisements, some time since published, to repair on board his Majesty's Ship the Ipswich, at Portsmouth; but many of the said Men not having yet appeared on board that Ship, and she being under Orders to proceed to Sea; their Lordships do hereby strictly repeat their Direction to the said Men, to repair immediately down to the said Ship, on Pain, if they fail to do so, and if the Ship shall sail without them, not only of losing the Wages due to them, but of being apprehended by the Marshal of the Admiralty, in order to their being tried at a Court Martial, and punished to the utmost Rigour of the Law.

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